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USE OF TASERS PROPELLED BY COMPRESSED GAS BY REGISTERED SECURITY GUARDS

The Bureau of Security and Investigative Services lacks jurisdiction to dictate whether a registered guard, while acting in the course and scope of licensed employment, may possess an “air” taser for self-defense. Existing law specifies how the devices may be used. Those laws prohibit the possession and use of tasers in specific places.

No California statute prohibits the purchase of a taser or the use of a taser for self-defense. The Private Security Services Act does not specifically address the use of tasers in security guard employment.

Therefore, the Bureau neither endorses nor prohibits the use of these devices.